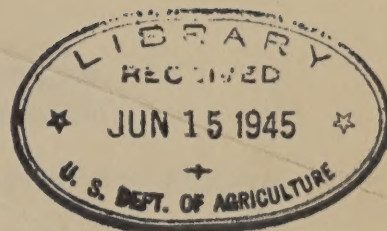


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Farm Legislation  
Enacted by The 76th Congress  
and  
Important Legislation Proposed  
or pending.



SECTION I. Legislation Enacted

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SECTION II. Legislation Proposed or Pending

Prepared in Division of Information  
Agricultural Adjustment Administration





In the session just ended Congress appropriated a total of \$724,560,000 to carry on the Agricultural Adjustment Administration's farm program for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1939. This amount included appropriations for:

|                                      |               |
|--------------------------------------|---------------|
| Soil conservation payments . . . . . | \$499,560,000 |
| Price adjustment payments . . . . .  | 225,000,000   |

Appropriations for activities closely related to those of the conservation program included \$256,898,200 as follows:

|                                    |               |
|------------------------------------|---------------|
| Removal of Surplus Crops . . . . . | \$203,000,000 |
| Sugar Act . . . . .                | 47,975,000    |
| Crop Insurance. . . . .            | 5,923,200     |

This appropriation for the Agricultural Adjustment Administration represents an increase over the appropriation for the fiscal year ending July 1, 1939, of \$13,000,000, made for price adjustment payments. The other appropriations listed include an item of \$113,000,000 for removal of surplus commodities. The \$113,000,000 appropriated for removal of surplus farm commodities was in addition to the \$90,000,000 continuing appropriation under Section 32 of the original Agricultural Adjustment Act, which provided that 30 percent of customs duties should be available for this purpose. (The appropriation of \$212,000,000 for price adjustment payments in 1939 was not carried in the regular Agricultural Appropriation bill, but was provided for in the Work Relief bill.)

In addition to appropriations provided for carrying on the farm program and the Sugar Act, Congress also enacted legislation intended to improve the farm program by making it more acceptable to farmers.





SECTION I, LEGISLATION ENACTED

GENERAL

S. 1363

Final Passage Apr. 3

Approved Apr. 10

Public 30

Repeals Sub-sec. 4 of Sub-sec. C, sec. 101-AAA-'38 (80 percent farm acreage allotment provision.)

Prior to the passage of this Act a farmer in order to receive full benefits under AAA was required to plant at least 80 percent of the acreage allotment allocated to him. To reduce the planted acreage below 80 percent involved a reduction of benefits. This Act eliminates these conditions.

H. R. 4011

Final Passage Feb. 23

Approved Mar. 4

Public 3

Extends the life of the Commodity Credit Corporation until January 15, 1941. The limit of obligations which the Corporation may have outstanding at any one time is increased from \$500,000,000 to \$900,000,000.

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CORN

H.J.R. 342

(Same as S. 2694)

Final passage July 18

Approved July 26

Public 34

Amends Sec. 322 by adding new subsection (f) to provide that Secretary may proclaim determination of total supply of corn at any time prior to Sept. 15, instead of Aug. 15, and the result of referendum may be proclaimed any time prior to Oct. 10 instead of Sept. 10, and marketing percentage shall be 100 percentum.

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COTTON

H.R. 3801

(Same as S. 1209)

Final passage Mar. 23

Approved Apr. 5

Public 27

Extends time for retirement of cotton pool participation trust certificate under \$1,800,000 appropriation to December 31, 1939; and authority of manager cotton pool to purchase and pay for certificates. Form C-5-I to June 30, 1939.

H.J.R. 247

(Report 482)

Final passage July 18

Approved July 26

Pub. Res. 32

(Jones)

Amends Sec. 343 (b) AAA '38 to provide that the national allotment for any year (after 1939) shall be not less than 10,000,000 bales.

S. 1569

Final passage May 23

Approved June 22

Public 149

Amending AAA 1938 - Subsection (e) (g) and (h) Section 344.

Sub.-sec. (e) relating to minimum county allotments; sub-sec. (g) relating to the 4 percent allotment to farms; and sub-sec. (h) relating to providing an acreage to farms of not less than 50 percentum of 1937 planted acreage plus diverted acreage, all amended by making them applicable to years 1938, 1939 and "each subsequent year."

This law extends the operation of the AAA in the case of minimum allotments of cotton and the discretionary power of the Secretary to correct inequities.

S. 660

(Report No. 30)

Final passage Mar. 7

Approved Mar. 13

Public 6

Amends Subsection (h) sec. 344 (apportionment of frozen acreage among farms with inadequate allotments) making it applicable "for any crop year", in place of crop year 1938, and providing that County Committees may designate farms, considering only character and adaptability of soil, etc.





TOBACCO

H.R. 6538

Final passage Aug. 1

Approved Aug. 7

Public 335

Amends Act of 1938 so as to avoid a second referendum on marketing quotas for burley, and fire-cured and dark air-cured tobacco for the same marketing year. (See Cong. Record July 6, p. 12151)

H.R. 6539

Final passage Aug. 1

Approved Aug. 7

Public 336

Amends subsection (a) Sec. 312 AAA 1938 so that Secy. may proclaim quota any time from beginning of marketing year to December 1 rather than between November 15 and December 1. Bill also authorizes Secretary to increase national quota 10 percent not later than December 31 if additional tobacco is needed to meet market needs. (See Cong. Record, July 6, p. 12151)

H.R. 6540

Final passage Aug. 1

Approved Aug. 7

Public 337

Amends Sec. 313AAA 1938 by adding new subsection providing for establishment of farm marketing quotas in terms of farm acreage allotments. Actual production on farm acreage allotment would be farm quota. Provision is made also for uniform increase in small-farm allotments. Provision is made for decrease of the farm allotment for any year if in the last preceding year in which quotas were in effect tobacco was marketed in violation of the law, the decrease to be equivalent to the amount of tobacco so marketed. (See p. 12151, Cong. Record, July 6)

H.R. 6541

Final passage Aug. 1

Approved Aug. 7

Public 338

Changes basis of penalty for marketings in excess of quota from percentage basis to flat rate of 10¢ per lb. of fire-cured, burley, and Maryland tobacco, and 5¢ per lb. in the case of other kinds of tobacco. (See p. 12151, Cong. Record, July 6)

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WHEAT

H.J.R. 343

(Same as S. 2695)

Final passage July 21

Approved July 26

Public Res. 35

Amends section 335(c) of AAAct of 1938 and establishes farm wheat marketing quotas at 100 percent of normal or actual production from acreage allotments.

H.J.R. 243

Final passage July 18

Approved July 26

Public Res. 33

Amends section 333 of AAAct of 1938 and provides minimum national allotments for wheat of 55,000,000 acres.

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SURPLUS CROPS

S. 2697

Final passage Aug. 3

Approved Aug. 11

Pub. 387

A bill to facilitate exchange of surplus agricultural commodities for strategic materials. This bill takes the place of a provision in H.R. 5191 authorizing exchange of surplus crops which was stricken out in conference.

H.J.R. 375

(Similar to S. 2904)

Final passage Aug. 5

Approved Aug. 11

Public Res. 52

To provide for sale of surplus cotton held by CCC to foreign nations-- Switzerland and France - 150,000 bales. Byrnes bill failed of passage in Senate. Senate amended H.J.R. to provide that cotton shall be held 5 years and settlement shall be made within 60 days. Limits sale to 500,000 bales.

H.R. 5681

Final passage Aug. 3

Approved Aug. 11

Public 393

Authorizes Federal Surplus Commodities Corporation to purchase and distribute surplus products of the fishing industry.





MISCELLANEOUS

H. R. 4998

Final passage Aug. 2

Approved Aug. 10

Pub. 376

Amends Packers and Stockyards  
Act.

S. 1579

Final passage May 22

Approved May 26

Pub. 91

Amends Sec. 3 "No orders issued pursuant to Sec. 8 (c) of the AAA - 1933 shall be applicable to hops after September 1, 1942.

S. 1096

(Report 181)

Final passage May 23

Approved May 31

Pub. 98

Agricultural Marketing Act of 1937 amends Sec. 8 (c), making provision applicable to Pacific Northwest apples.

S. 1098

Final passage Mar. 20

Approved Mar. 25

Pub. 9

Soil Conservation & Domestic Allotment Act. Amends Sec. 12, authorizing Secretary to make advances to producers for assisting them to insure their crops.

H. R. 2179

(Report 385)

Final passage June 13

Approved June 22

Pub. 150

AGRICULTURAL MARKETING ACT

Amends Act to provide that excessive interest rates on loans shall not be charged or collected.





H. J. Res. 183

Final passage Aug. 1

Approved Aug. 11

Pub. Res. 51

AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR OF  
FINANCE

Authorizes Director of Finance,  
or officer acting in his stead, to sign  
requisition on Treasury.

H. R. 5239

(House Report 279d Senate  
Report 386)

Final passage June 23

Approved June 30

Pub. 159

AGRICULTURAL APPROPRIATION BILL

Carries \$225,000,000 for parity  
payments under Amendment by Senate;  
also \$113,000,000 for surplus removal.  
Sent to Conference May 23 under special  
rule, adopted 192 to 181 May 23. p. 3430  
Cong. Record. House agreed to conference  
report June 22. Amendments for increase  
in Extension Service Appro. Weather  
Bureau Building and additional \$25,000,000  
for farm tenancy disagreed to, but amends  
farm tenancy appropriation to provide  
\$40,000,000. Senate agreed to conference  
report June 23. Approved June 30, Pub.  
159.

S. 513

Final passage Apr. 17

Approved Apr. 24

Pub. 41

AGRICULTURE - EXTENSION WORK

Authorizes additional appropria-  
tion of \$300,000 annually for extension  
work.

S. 26

Final passage July 14

Approved July 20

Pub. 1939

CREATING NATIONAL FORESTS



H. J. R. 189

Final passage May 20

Approved June 5

Pub. 13

UNDER SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE

H. R. 5625

Final passage Aug. 3

Approved Aug. 9

Pub. 354

COFFEE SEED BILL

To regulate interstate and foreign commerce in seeds; to require labeling and to prevent misrepresentation of seeds in interstate commerce; to require certain standards with respect to certain imported seeds.

H. R. 7462

3rd Deficiency Appropriation

Final passage Aug. 5

Approved Aug. 7

Pub.

Third Deficiency Bill contained appropriation of \$119,000,000 to restore impaired capital of the Commodity Credit Corporation enabling continuation of commodity loans. House Committee on Appropriations omitted item in reporting bill. Cannon Amendment restoring it defeated on teller vote 116 to 110. Senate Committee restored appropriation and Senate adopted it on roll call 60 to 7. Conference agrees to Senate Amendment and both Houses adopt Conference Report Aug. 5 - viva voce vote.

S. J. Res. 162

Final passage Aug. 5

Approved Aug. 10

Pub. Res. 48

Amends Pub. Res. 112 to include study of potash and related minerals in connection with study of phosphate and extends time for making report to January 15, 1940.

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SECTION II

Farm Legislation Pending

or

Introduced

H.J.R. 258

Passed House Apr. 17

In Senate Comm. on  
Agri. and For.

To amend Sec. 8(f) of Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act. (Landlord-tenant relationship). It amends the Act by striking out the language regarding reduction in the "average number of tenants on any farm," so as to make it read "any reduction in the number of tenants on any farm," and also provides for affirmative action instead of negative action on the part of the local committee in determining whether such change in relationship is justified, in which case the Act will not apply.

H.R. 3800

(Report 31)

Passed House Apr. 17

In Senate Comm. on  
Agri. and For.

Amending Soil Conservation & Domestic Allotment Act. (Jones) Sec. 8(e). Reduces by 25 percent payments in excess of \$1000 and limits any payments to \$5000. Excludes amounts representing landlord's share of payment with respect to land operated under tenancy or sharecropper, if division of payment is determined by local committee to be fair; also payments to cooperative association having 50 members if 75 percent are participating. \$5000 limitation applies to one year.

Senator Wiley (Wis.) introduced amendment providing limitation of \$500.

H.R. 5911

Reported April 21  
(Report 457)

Union Calendar 172

Bill of calendar

Objected to July 17

Amending Sub-sec. (b) Sec. 314 adding 2 years

"and parity and soil conservation payments shall remain with the original allottee in the same manner as though no portion of allotment had been temporarily transferred, Provided, that the recipient of the portion of the allotment transferred shall receive such acres with the understanding that he will not receive conservation or parity payments upon them"





S. Res. 335

(Report 200)

Amending Sec. 335(d) AAA, 1938.

Passed House April 17

In Senate Comm. on  
Agri. and For.

This amendment excludes farms from marketing quotas where normal production is less than 200 bushels. Present law places figure at less than 100 bushels. Still in Senate Agr. Com.

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Cotton

S. Res. 107

On Senate Calendar

Opposes sales of American cotton during present world crisis to foreign purchasers below cost of production.

S. 1314

Reported in Senate Mar. 30

(Report No. 237)

Passed Senate Apr. 3

In House Comm. on Agri.

The Bankhead Bill authorizing additional payments in kind by repossession of 1937 loan cotton at 3 cents a pound not to exceed 3,000,000 bales. Producer may receive additional payments in kind in one of two ways, (if he makes choice not later than Dec. 31, 1939). Under the first plan Commodity Credit Corporation permits producers to withdraw after July 31, 1939, and before March 1, 1940, so much of his loan cotton not in excess of what he is entitled to as such additional payments. Corporation deliver warehouse receipts at a price of 3 cents a pound, covering such cotton, free from debt, and producer can dispose of it, except that it cannot be placed again under government loan. The other method provides for a cotton pool as in 1938, and producer obtain at 3 cents a pound, participating certificates, which will be cashed when Secretary liquidates cotton. These additional payments are conditioned upon participation in 1939 program and additional diversion of acreage equivalent to not less than 25 percentum nor more than 75 percentum of his acreage allotment.



S. 1303

Reported Mar. 13

(Report 134)

Still in House Comm.  
on Agri.

The Smith bill for price adjustment payments on cotton, when price is below 75 percent of parity. The bill provides for payments at rates equal to amount by which average price on date of sale is below 75 percent, except that no rate shall exceed 5 cents a pound, and not on loan cotton. In addition Secretary to make subsequent payments sufficient to provide returns equal to parity price, or as near parity as returns to producers of corn, wheat, rice and tobacco. Also provides for payments to producers who do not produce cotton equal to average. Authorizes appropriation of such sums as necessary. Fixes national cotton acreage allotment at 11,000,000 bales. Also authorizes Commodity Credit Corporation after July 1, 1940, to acquire title to loan cotton of 1934 and dispose of it in ways to expand markets. Not to exceed 500,000 bales may be donated for relief. Also provides for release to producer of loan cotton of 1937 and 1938 crops at 3 cents a pound. No cotton released eligible for loan. CCC authorized when necessary to acquire title to loan cotton upon payment to borrower of \$1.25 a bale. After July 1, 1940, any borrowers may repossess loan cotton (not more than 2,500,000 bales in any marketing year, and none from September to December inclusive) and only when Secretary recommends such release. Such cotton (except 1934 crop and cotton released under other section) may be released at such amounts below loan value and other changes as may be necessary to enable borrower to sell. But no cotton can be released at a price lower than 30/100 percent below average market price on day previous to release.

H.R. 57 (Fulmer)

Passed House June 8

In Senate Comm. on  
Agri. and For.

A bill to provide for the use of net weights in interstate and foreign commerce transactions in cotton; to provide for standardization of bale covering for cotton, etc. This bill seeks to bring about the use of cotton for baling cotton instead of jute or other fabric.





S. 2585

Reported in Senate July 3

Senate Calendar

Passed over July 18

A bill by Senator Bankhead to  
reimburse cotton cooperative associations  
for losses under Federal Farm Board.

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CROP INSURANCE

S. 2635 (Bankhead)

Reported June 28

Passed Senate July 17

Crop insurance for Cotton.

H. R. 6972

Reported in House July 14

On Union Calendar

Crop insurance for Cotton.

H. R. 7409

In House Comm. on Agr.

To terminate crop insurance.  
Introduced by Rep. Hope, (R), Kans.,  
July 28.

H. R. 7171

Reported by House  
Com. July 14  
Passed House July 28

Reported by Senate Fin.  
Com. Aug. 1. (Report  
1043)

Export Subsidies.

This bill amends Sec. 22 of the  
AMA of 1933 as amended by Sec. 1 of the  
Agricultural Marketing Act 1937.

In effect it authorizes the  
President to raise the tariff 50 per-  
cent on manufactured farm products in  
order to limit or keep out manufactured  
agricultural imports from those countries  
to which cotton and other raw oddities are  
sold or exchanged under export subsidy.

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FARM TENANCY

S. 1836

Passed Senate July 7.

House Comm. on Agri.  
voted July 27 not to  
report it.

To promote farm ownership by amending Bankhead-Jones Farm Tenant Act to provide for government insured loans to farmers instead of appropriating money from Treasury to purchase farms. Creates a farm-tenant mortgage fund limited to \$350,000,000 to be used by Secretary of Agriculture as revolving fund. Not more than \$150,000,000 shall be insured prior to June 30, 1940.

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MISCELLANEOUS

H. R. 6480

Passed House Aug. 3

In Senate Comm. on  
Agri. and For.

This bill relates to the shipment of grain from small country elevators into larger terminal warehouses.

H. Res. 295

In Comm. on Rules

Directs the House Comm. on Agri. to investigate damage done American beef producers by President's advocacy of Argentine canned beef, and also competitive imports of farm products and effect of reciprocal trade agreements.

S. J. Res. 68

Passed Senate Aug. 4

In House Comm. on Agri.

Refund of processing taxes on hogs slaughtered by producers who paid tax.



HR 6500  
HR 6530  
S 2335

House Comm. on  
Agri.

In Gen. Comm. on  
Agri. and For.

These bills would extend and apply the underlying principles of the Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act and the AAA of 1938 to the dairy industry. Hearings were held by the House Committee on Agriculture in July at which farmers representing Wisconsin Farmers Union, and Chas. Holman of the Milk Cooperatives Assn. appeared in support of the bill.

H. R. 252

(By Rep. Andrews, KY)

In Comm. on Rules

To investigate political activities of Asia.

S. 2573

Reported in Senate July 11

Report 763

Passed over July 18

Regulating interstate and foreign commerce in rice. Similar to Wheeler bill.

H.R. 6654

In House Comm. on Agri.

De Rouen Rice Bill

Same as S. 2573

H.R. 2373

Final passage May 19

Vetoed June 5

Tobacco Seed. Prohibits exportation of tobacco seed or plants except for experimental purposes, unless permitted by Secretary of Agriculture. Provides penalty of \$5,000 and imprisonment.

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S. 2396

Wheeler-Wheat Allotment Certificate Bill

Hearings have been held in  
Senate Committee on Agriculture and  
Forestry. H. M. Thatcher and other  
representatives of the Farmers' Union  
testifying in its support.

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WHEELER WHEAT ALLOTMENT  
CERTIFICATE BILL

The Wheeler Wheat-Allotment Certificate bill (S.2395) introduced by Senator Wheeler, of Montana, May 10, is designed to give to wheat farmers parity price or cost of production price, whichever is the greater. In effect it imposes a tax on the processor equal to the difference between the average farm price and the cost of production or parity price.

For example, a farmer is allotted his share of the national allotment. If the farm price were, say, 75 cents a bushel and parity or cost of production price were \$1.25 the farmer would be paid the difference of 50 cents a bushel (in reality a processing tax of 50 cents a bushel), through the sale to the processor of the wheat allotment certificates, for whatever amount of wheat he marketed provided the amount was not in excess of his farm marketing quota. There is no production control in the bill but payments are contingent upon compliance with marketing quotas. A farmer could produce all he wanted to produce, but he would not be paid the difference between the average farm price and cost of production or parity price except on his marketing quota established for his farm or which would have been established if marketing quotas were in effect.

The bill says that "An amount of money equal to the value of the certificate representing each producer's share of the farm's allocation shall be paid by the Secretary to the producer entitled thereto when satisfactory evidence is presented to the Secretary that there has not





been, and cannot be, marketed from such farm during such marketing year any wheat in excess of the farm marketing quota which has been established for such farm or which would have been established if marketing quotas were in effect."

The Secretary is authorized in January of each year to appoint a committee of three wheat farmers, one representative consumer and one Federal representative to determine the price of wheat for the next marketing year based upon the difference between the average farm price and the parity or cost of production price. This price becomes the price at which the wheat allotment certificates can be sold. It would insure to the wheat farmer the cost of production or parity price because no processor or handler of manufactured wheat could sell the manufactured article without making a return to the Secretary of the sale with the wheat-allotment certificate attached. B.A.E. statistics are to be used in calculating the cost of production.

The Secretary is empowered during any marketing year to adjust the wheat certificate allotment to permit orderly marketing at fair prices.

In general, the bill provides for a national wheat certificate allotment in bushels for that year, not later than May 15, based on the previous 10-year average produced for domestic consumption and export.

As soon as practicable after the issuance of certificates the Secretary shall allocate the total amount of wheat certificates allotment among farmers on the basis of normal production for such farm for the crop to be harvested in the current calendar year.



In making returns of sales to the Secretary the processor is required to attach certificates equal to the number of bushels of wheat he has used in the manufacture of articles sold (which is to be determined in accordance with conversion factors prescribed by the Secretary).

The bill would take care of the family-sized farmer by limiting wheat-certificate allotments to producers who produce more than 10,000 bushels, the reduction in allotments graduating from 10 percent in the case of 10,000 to 12,000 to 50 percent for over 18,000 bushels.

Wheat certificate allotments would be sold through pools established by the Secretary, local banks, or other approved agencies. The Reconstruction Finance Corporation would finance the Secretary.

The bill provides that whenever the Secretary has reason to believe that producers of other crops favor an allotment-certificate plan he shall conduct a referendum among such producers and if two-thirds favor it, the Secretary shall recommend legislation to the Congress.

A bill similar to the Wheeler bill covering cotton has been introduced by Senator Lee of Oklahoma (S. 2434) and one covering rice (S. 2573) by Senator Ellender has been reported to the Senate (July 11).





Reported Senate Mar. 28

(Report 234)

Calendar 251

COST OF PRODUCTION BILL

Similar House bill was considered by House Agri. Committee and Committee voted against reporting it out by a vote of 17 to 6. Members voting for it were Andresen, Minn., Hoffman, Mich., Johnson, Ill., Murray, Wis., Lemke, N. D., (Rep.), and Pierce, Oregon, Democrat.

Senate bill has been repeatedly passed over on calendar call on objection of senators.

